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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ROBERT EDGAR

1. WE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALLED JUNE 27 FROM A ROBERT EDGAR WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A LECTURER AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY ON A RESEARCH SABBATICAL IN LONDON. HE WISHES TO ATTEND A HISTORY CONFERENCE IN MASERU BEGINNING JULY 11. HE HAS BEEN IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY HERE IN AN ATTEMPT TO SECURE A TRANSIT VISA. WHILE HIS REQUEST HAS NOT BEEN DENIED. HE SUSPECTS THE EMBASSY PLANS TO PUT HIM OFF UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE. HE CONFESSED THAT HE IS NOT ESPECIALLY POPULAR WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF HIS WRITINGS. HE DID RESEARCH IN SOUTH AFRICA AS A FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR FROM 1973-74 BUT WAS DENIED A WORK VISA APPLICATION IN 1975.

2. EDGAR HAS ASKED IF WE COULD FIND OUT FROM EMBASSY PRETORIA WHETHER IT IS POSSIBLE FOR A TRAVELLER WITHOUT A VISA TO SPEND THE NIGHT AT JAN SMUTS AIRPORT EITHER AT THE HOLIDAY INN OR IN THE TRANSIT LOUNGE AT THE AIRPORT ITSELF. WE SAID WE WOULD ATTEMPT TO FIND OUT

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THE ANSWER, AT LEAST ON A THEORETICAL BASIS. BUT THAT WE COULD NOT GUARANTEE THAT SOUTH AFRICAN REGULATIONS WOULD NORMALLY BE APPLIED IN HIS SPECIFIC CASE.

3. CAN EMBASSY PRETORIA GIVE US SOME GUIDANCE FOR HANDLING EDGAR'S REQUEST?

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